

EMS TRAINING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

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Title: Emergency Medical Technician Certification Program Description		
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The Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course was developed in an effort to provide training to prepare an individual to function independently in an emergency. It is also designed to provide the basic knowledge and understanding needed to progress to more advanced levels of prehospital patient care.

The course is designed to train individuals to the level of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) to serve as a vital link in the chain of the health care team. It is recognized that the majority of prehospital emergency care will be provided by the Emergency Medical Technician. This includes all skills necessary for the individual to provide emergency medical care as an attendant-in-charge with a basic life support level ambulance service or other specialized rescue service.

- A. **Performance Standards** - Upon successful completion of the training program, the student will be capable of performing the following functions:
1. Recognize the nature and seriousness of the patient's condition or extent of their injuries to assess requirements for emergency care.
 2. Administer appropriate emergency care to stabilize the patient's condition.
 3. Lift, move, position and otherwise handle the patient in a way as to minimize discomfort and further injury.
- B. **Course Topics** - The EMT curriculum will be based upon the U.S. Department of Transportation National Standard Curriculum for the EMT-Basic (1994 edition), 2002 Supplemental Airway Modules for the 1994 EMT Basic: NSC and the Virginia MCIM Module 1 and any additions, deletions or other modifications approved by the Office.
- C. **Skills Proficiency** - With regard to equipment and materials, the EMT will be trained and proficient in all skills described in the U.S. Department of Transportation National Standard Curriculum for the EMT-Basic approved by the Office. (See the "[Emergency Medical Services Procedures Schedule](#)" and the "[Emergency Medical Services Medications](#)")

[Schedule](#)" for specific essential and allowed optional skills for this certification level, if applicable.) (See [T-200](#))

D. Automated External Defibrillation and Medication Administration

1. EMTs practicing with a licensed EMS agency are authorized to perform Automated External Defibrillation in those settings under the direction of a licensed physician serving as their EMS agency's OMD.
2. EMTs affiliated with a licensed EMS agency are authorized to perform Assisted Medication Administration or other Advanced Skills only under the direction of a licensed physician serving as their EMS agency's OMD.